

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Jackson (11th)

To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2324

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-51-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REMOVE THE REPEALER ON THE SECTION WHICH PROVIDES PROHIBITIONS
3 AGAINST CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH CARE
4 ENTITIES AND DENTISTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 83-51-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 83-51-31. * * * No contract between a health care entity
9 that offers a dental plan or plans and a dentist for the provision
10 of services to subscribers may require that a dentist provide
11 services to his subscribers at a fee set by the health care entity
12 unless the services are covered services under the applicable
13 subscriber agreement. For the purposes of this section, "covered
14 services" means services that are reimbursable under the
15 applicable subscriber agreement, notwithstanding any deductibles,
16 waiting periods or frequency limitations that may apply. For the
17 purposes of this section, "dental plan" means any policy of
18 insurance that is issued by a health care entity that provides for
19 coverage of dental services not in connection with a medical plan.

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21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2012.

